

Presenting Pam and Phil Hill
Representing England



Hi there....I am Philip (Phil) Hill, English born but Canadian by choice, having emigrated here in 1958.

Having always been sports minded I was both amazed and thrilled at my initial view of this sport of shuffleboard in the year 1998. This was at local club level of course but it sort of grabbed me and my first few lessons were quite out of this world. I had no knowledge of what lies beyond club play but soon became very aware of it. My wife Pam was also becoming involved with it too, her story comes separately, and my exposure to the noise and clamour of District tournaments, then shortly after on going to out of town tournaments, was an experience all its own.....From that humble beginning, like most of us, we have become part of that group of retired folk who have found something worth driving afar to be part of, a group who have equal thoughts and feelings about the wonderful sport of shuffleboard, a sport that challenges the mind as well as the physical side, probably more so, and don't we need that sort of thing!!! We must not forget the wonderful friends we have met and made along the way.

Phil Hill Writing in 2009.

"And while all the above was going on Pam was indeed part of it and more too. As you well know she is a little bundle of action, never still, always has a bunch of stuff to do. In fact almost as soon as she got her shuffleboard shoes earned and on, the park where we lived couldn't hold her back...served on the committee, then almost as soon as she joined Clearwater Shuffleboard Club she was on the committee there, not as a member of the committee but as secretary. She loves shuffling and enjoys it from the point of view of not intense competitor but as one who will give any competitor a jolly good game. A few short years ago she was offered a place to play for Canada in an ISA Tournament, in Midland On. Phil played for the United Nations Team. This trip was followed the next year with a trip to Australia. Betmar for the World Singles was next, after which Pam was asked to be curator of the ISA Hall of Fame. A lot of work was put into upgrades, and this move put her into the ISA Committee. Germany, Hohenroda, welcomed us both with amazing side trips and a cruise afterwards. Dieppe beckons us this year. And we look forward to seeing all our shuffleboard friends there."

Above: Phil Writing in May of 2011

Pam Hill Writes in June of 2011 > Following Her Return from Sochi Russia where she placed 1st the European Open!

Our trip of a lifetime is over! Returning to reality (and combatting jet lag) is to say the least, a letdown.

However, all Sochi travellers have marvelous memories of:

Flight delays; fantastic hotel rooms; roses; generous and welcoming staff, incredible organizers, unique sightseeing tours, entertaining peacocks, and of course, "great Russian food".

For me, the first European Open Shuffleboard tournament tops the list. We all had many hard fought matches (thanks to our skilled director, Dieter), and yet, I hope no one felt they lost a game. Everyone seemed happy for the winner. Our new Russian shuffling friends participated gamely, and who could not love Boris with his precious cup? (to your right) Million \$ Smile!!

The Champion's cup is most precious to me. I thank all those who boosted me to the pinnacle. They allowed me to bring home the trophy (in the hotel beach bag, no less!).

A wonderful time was had by all!!

Pam Hill 2011 June



